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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 15

NEXT SESSION GATT COUNCIL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15, WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON AGENDA.

1. NFDU-U.S. PANEL REQUEST. GENEVA 5709, GENEVA 5635. AS-SUME U.S. SHOULD PRESS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PANEL AT THIS COUNCIL TO EXAMINE OUR COMPLAINT AS WORDED IN PARA 2 OF STATE 175087 AND SHOULD RESIST ANY EC SUGGESTION THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE.

2. EC-MAGHREB AGREEMENTS. GENEVA 6054, STATE 199076. ANTICIPATE ESTABLISHMENT OF USUAL GATT WORKING PARTIES PRECEDED BY NORMAL QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PROCEDURE. BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD BE PREPARED TAKE LEAD IN REQUESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF WPS IN UNLIKELY EVENT THERE IS ANY

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RESISTANCE.

3. SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. STATE 196773, GENEVA 6421, GENEVA 6550, PRETORIA 3578. WE OF COURSE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH STATE 196773 THAT U.S. SHOULD PUSH FOR BOP COMMITTEE EXAMINATION AND NOT WP TREATMENT, AND WILL VIGOROUSLY ENDEAVOR ALIGN SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, SINCE UNITED STATES, ITALY (IN 1974), FRANCE, UK, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, ETC., WERE TREATED IN WP, AND SINCE EC AND JAPAN AMONG OTHERS HAVE IN GROUP OF 18 ENTHUSIASTICALLY RESISTED AMPLIFICATION OF BOP COMMITTEE AUTHORITY, WE EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER SOME DIFFICULTIES. WE NOW PROCEEDING TO CONTACT THOSE INTERESTED DELS WHICH WE ARE ABLE TO LOCATE IN TOWN. INDICATION IN PARA 6 OF STATE 211631 CONCERNING REVERSAL OF EC STANCE ON REFERRING ITALIAN MEASURES TO BOP COMMITTEE IS WELCOME NEWS. WE WILL ATTEMPT PIN EC DOWN ON THIS LATER WHEN WE CAN LOCATE RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION REPS, AND WE WILL ALSO ASK EC TO TAKE SAME APPROACH ON SOUTH AFRICAN RESTRICTIONS.

4. ITALIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPOSIT. L/4353/ADD.1, ROME 11851, PARA 6 OF STATE 211631. SEE ITEM 3 ABOVE. WE ENDEAVORING LOCATE OTHER DELS FOR SUPPORT OF OUR REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO BOP COMMITTEE. IN THIS RESPECT WASHINGTON SHOULD NOTE THAT NEXT NORMAL BOP COMMITTEE MEETING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR "EARLY NOVEMBER," WHILE THE EXTENDED ITALIAN MEASURES EXPIRE NOVEMBER 3. THUS, WE COULD GET INTO A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT FACED EARLIER THIS SUMMER, WHEREBY THE MEASURES WOULD COMPLETELY ESCAPE EXAMINATION. THIS WOULD NOT BE GOOD. LDCS COULD BE EXPECTED LATER TO USE THIS DC PRECEDENT AS A REASON WHY THEIR OWN RESTRICTIONS SHOULD NEVER BE EXAMINED. ALSO, IT IS A BAD PRECEDENT TO LET ANY CP "HIT AND RUN" WITH MEASURES HAVING A MAJOR TRADE IMPACT. THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT U.S. CALL BOP COMMITTEE EXAMINATION BEFORE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EXPIRATION DATE OF NOVEMBER 3 OR, IF COUNCIL ESTABLISHES A WORKING PARTY INSTEAD, SIMILAR TIMING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE WP.

5. BIENNIAL REPORTS OF LAFTA AND CACM. L/4373 OF JULY 27 AND L/4377 OF JULY 30. THESE ARE NORMAL BIENNIAL REPORTS; ROUTINE NOTING EXPECTED AS IN 1974. CATTO

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